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METHOD AND SYSTEM

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Examiner: Dean T. Nguyen

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing a Request for Continued Examination, with an amendment (and a replacement drawing), in reply to the communication dated October 28, 2008.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	15	Minus	20	0	x \$52.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$220.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$390.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
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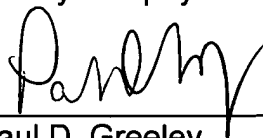
X A check in the amount of **\$810.00** (RCE fee) is attached.

X Replacement drawing - Figure 2

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**.

January 28, 2009

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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)



Application Number: 10/027,658

Filing Date: December 20, 2001

First Named Inventor: James Michael Shumpert

Group Art Unit: 3689

Examiner Name: Dean T. Nguyen

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. _____ Previously submitted

i. _____ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. _____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed filed on _____

iii. _____ Other _____

b. XXXXX Enclosed

i. XXXXX Amendment/Reply with transmittal

ii. _____ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. _____ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449

iv. _____ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. _____ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. _____ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. XXXXX The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **01-0467**.

i. XXXXX RCE fee (\$810.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

ii. _____ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

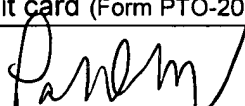
iii. _____ Other _____

b. XXXXX Check in the amount of **\$810.00** is enclosed

c. _____ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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